

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed June 7, 2007, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to *Janning et al.* in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0111768 (*Ghorayeb et al.*). Claim 4 is rejected over those two references and further in view of the patent to *Kohut et al.* Claim 8 is rejected over those two references and further in view of the patent to *Terranova*. For the reasons set forth below, the Applicants respectfully traverse.

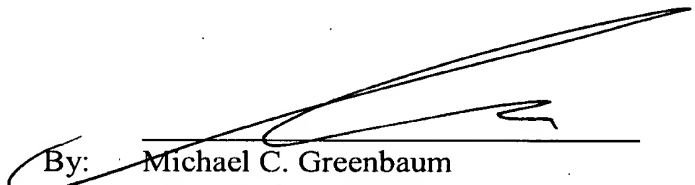
The Applicants respectfully disagree with the reading of *Ghorayeb et al* set forth in the Office Action. That reference is cited for teaching to detect a stationary vehicle by (i) setting a timer, (ii) detecting the vehicle, (iii) determining whether the timer has been exceeded when the vehicle is detected, and (iv) if the timer has been exceeded, determining that the vehicle is stationary. However, the reference does not actually include that teaching, either explicitly or inherently. Instead, the timer in the electronic timing meter device is used to determine how long the user is parked and thus how much to charge the user for parking. It determines that the vehicle is stationary by receiving a signal that the user sends using an IR remote device, whereupon it starts the timer. Accordingly, none of the proposed combinations of references would have taught, suggested or resulted in the present claimed invention.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application as it stands is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is respectfully solicited.

If there remain any issues that can be overcome through a further telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114944-00106). If an extension of time is required to render this submission timely and either is not filed concurrently herewith or is insufficient to render this submission timely, the Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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